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WASHINGTON, July 3, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 28 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 0.6 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 439.7 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 28 totaled 391,241, down 2.1 percent from last year, but 0.6 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were down 0.1 percent in the East, 2.9 percent in the South, and 2.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased, with metallic ores showing a decline of 4,000 cars (20.5 percent). However, grain loadings posted a gain of 1,832 cars (7.2 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 21 totaled 96,940 trailers and/or containers, 8.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of the year was 2,331,236, trailers and/or containers, up 10.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/28/86:

	Loadings in Week ended June 28, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,273	I	1,832	7.2	D	576	2.1
Other farm products	4,240	I	642	17.8	I	107	2.6
Metallic ores	15,468	D	4,000	20.5	I	373	2.5
Coal	115,220	D	2,212	1.9	D	202	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,294	I	520	3.8	I	428	3.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,306	D	1,956	17.4	I	18	0.2
Grain mill products	10,545	I	869	9.0	D	206	1.9
Food and kindred products	11,421	I	144	1.3	I	538	4.9
Primary forest products	10,517	D	1,419	11.9	D	231	2.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,379	D	251	2.9	I	55	0.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,163	D	1,511	10.3	I	301	2.3
Chemicals and allied products	22,678	D	2,734	10.8	I	425	1.9
Petroleum products	4,951	I	151	3.1	I	107	2.2
Stone, clay and glass products	10,227	D	1,147	10.1	D	266	2.5
Coke	3,968	D	975	19.7	D	547	12.1
Metals and products	7,957	D	1,631	17.0	I	344	4.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,419	I	956	4.7	D	371	1.7
Waste and scrap materials	8,207	I	52	0.6	I	124	1.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,484	D	3,195	47.8	I	486	16.2
All other carloads	68,411	I	7,537	12.4	I	1,465	2.2
LCL traffic	113	D	52	31.5	I	2	1.8
Total Cars Loaded	391,241	D	8,380	2.1	I	2,374	0.6

Corresponding week of 1985 399,621

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks)	9,737,861	9,816,083	D 0.8

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

25 Weeks ended June 21	422.2	425.8	D 0.8
Week ended June 28	17.4	17.5	D 0.6
26 weeks cumulative	439.7	443.4	D 0.8

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